

## **ABSTRACT**

The present disclosure relates to methods and devices for stanching the effusion of blood from the exposed ends of the sternal halves of an incised sternum during cardiac and/or thoracic surgical procedures. According to an aspect, there is provided a device

5 for stanching the effusion of blood from an exposed sternal half of a sternum formed during a sternotomy. The device includes an end wall having a size and a dimension to at least partially cover the exposed end of a sternal half. The device may include an upper wall; a lower wall spaced from the upper wall; and an end wall interconnecting the upper and lower walls. The upper wall, the lower wall and end wall bound a space while the

10 upper wall and the lower wall define an opening through which an exposed end of a sternal half is receivable into the space of the device.